

**FINAL**

**Charter Review Commission  
Minutes**

February 15, 2022  
City Council Chambers  
City Hall, 90 West Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio

(Audio recording available in the Office of the City Clerk)

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Trudy Bartley, Chair  
Desmond “Dez” Bryant  
Keary McCarthy  
Norwood “Buzz” Thomas  
Nana Watson

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Commission Chair Bartley opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Chair Bartley asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Ms. Watson moved, Mr. Thomas seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**Presentation by Commission staff liaison John Oswalt**

Charter Review and Process

**Presentation by City Auditor Megan Kilgore**

Amendment recommendations for consideration by the Commission

**Follow up to Auditor Kilgore’s presentation**

Suggestion by Ms. Watson re: annual reports (re: diversity/makeup of each department)  
(comments were inaudible)

Chair Bartley followed up by asking if there is a strategic plan and if there are annual goals for each dept. which may be more substantial than programs and initiatives as it relates to annual reports

Mr. McCarthy asked about ability of a charter city to allow virtual meetings

Mr. Thomas followed with a question re: advertisement/public notice for virtual meetings

Mr. Bryant asked about whether all public meetings are recorded and if that should be mandated. City Attorney Chief Counsel, Lara Baker-Morrish stated there is not a requirement to record a public meeting, but if a meeting is recorded, the recording must be maintained. City Attorney suggests that some provisions might be better stated within the City Code, rather than within the Charter.

Auditor Kilgore added her support for review of citizen initiated petition process/language

Chair Bartley thanked Auditor Kilgore for her presentation and suggested that she follow up, after research, with recommendations and possible repercussions of those recommendations.

### **Commission Discussion**

Chair Bartley asked Commission Liaison Oswald for an update on the commission website, and the availability for public comment and shared drive/box for commission members.

Chair Bartley brought up consistency and timeframes for future meetings of the Commission and proposed dates. Next meeting will be Weds. March 2, 2022 from 3-5 p.m. Chair Bartley suggested that dates for next 3-4 meetings be finalized at the March 2 meeting.

Chair Bartley brought forward the appointment of Commission Vice-Chair. Mr. Bryant volunteered to serve as Chair in the event that Chair Bartley is unavailable to attend/serve. Chair Bartley asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Bryant as Vice-Chair. Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. McCarthy seconded. All voted in favor, no opposition. Motion carried.

Mr. McCarthy asked about previous review of gender neutrality issue by past Commissions related to City Charter and City Code.

Mr. Bryant asked about structure and content of these meetings and how deliberation will occur re: suggested amendments.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Bartley asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. McCarthy moved, Mr. Bryant seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.